

HARNEY'S HAUGHEY REMARKS CRITICISED

By Political Editor SEAN BOYNE

TANAISTE Mary Harney was accused yesterday of prejudicing the forthcoming trial of Charles Haughey in comments she made to a newspaper.

Former Taoiseach and Fianna Fáil leader John Bruton claimed her remarks were "reckless" and could cause further difficulties for the judge in a trial which has already been delayed too long.

The implication in Mr Bruton's comments is that the Haughey trial could be undermined or abandoned as a result of prejudicial publicity.

Ms Harney, leader of the Progressive Democrats, had been quoted in the *Irish Independent* as saying that Haughey should be tried for the way he used top political office to gather cash for himself.

Protect

She insisted that his age should not protect the 74-year-old former Taoiseach, and that he should spend the rest of his life in prison. "He should be convicted," she is quoted as saying.

Mr Bruton said: "Mary Harney is an experienced TD, knows well that politicians should not be interfering in court cases."

He said it was very dangerous in the local system that the second most senior Minister in the Government should have presumed to publicly instruct a judge and jury what verdict they should find in a particular case, and what sentence should be imposed.



UNDER FIRE: Mary Harney.

Deputy Bruton said that while, in common with most people, he wanted Mr Haughey to face the full rigour of the law, his constitutional right to due process should be scrupulously respected by, of all people, the Tanaiste.

LOCALS URGED TO SUPPORT DRUG REHAB CENTRES

JUNIOR Minister Eoin Ryan has urged local communities to support the idea of drug treatment centres for their areas as part of the war against heroin.

Mr Ryan, who has special responsibility for anti-drugs strategy, was speaking following a spate of deaths of heroin users in the Dublin area.

He told the *Sunday World* that he would like to appeal to heroin users to present themselves to the services that were there to help them.

He said there were extra places on drug treatment programmes, and there were also two mobile drug clinics visiting more areas than normal.

The mobile clinics, which operate from two specially adapted buses, provide methadone and a needle exchange programme to people who are still on heroin.

The mobile clinics, which are operated by the Eastern Regional Health Authority, are available to deal with emergency situations in areas where drug treatment centres are not yet available.

Mr Ryan said: "There has been a fair amount of resistance in local communities to clinics."

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"In fact, once they are up and running there are very few complaints."

"I am appealing to local communities to support the idea of clinics."

The mobile clinics will have a doctor on board to assess drug users for treatment in the wake of the recent spate of heroin deaths.

Heroin users are urged to seek medical help immediately if they develop any unusual or unexpected symptoms or any illnesses.

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DEAD: Addict Karl O'Shea.

THE THUG HOOKER'S



PEACE AT LAST: William and Agnes Lakes say farewell to their tragic daughter Rosie, who was poisoned by heroin.

By Crime Correspondent PAUL WILLIAMS
TRAGIC heroin victim Rosie Lakes never forgave herself for walking Sinead Kelly to her murder.

Rosie and Sinead, who were both 21 at the time of their deaths, had become slaves to the evil thug who supplied them with their poison.

Both of them had resorted to selling their bodies to buy heroin from the gutless dealer who is 22 and from Crumlin, south Dublin.

Rosie, who was also from Crumlin, was used by the heroin peddler to point Sinead out for two of his henchmen who, between them, stabbed her in the head and body 17 times in June, 1998.

Rosie told detectives that she thought Sinead was going to "get a few slaps" because she owed the heroin dealer around £800.

Ironically, the thug and his henchmen will now walk free as a result of Rosie Lakes' death last weekend from contaminated heroin.

Unlucky

Detectives are still probing whether he had her and her two friends deliberately poisoned to avoid facing the rap.

Some investigators believe that the three addicts - Rosie, Karl O'Shea and mum-of-two Maureen Gleeson - were just unlucky.

In the past few weeks, nine addicts have died in Dublin and 12 in Glasgow. Health and police authorities believe that the deaths were the result of the same poisoned batch of heroin.

Rosie Lakes and her two friends had taken the heroin in a flat together last week.

Karl O'Shea was closely associated with one of the thugs who murdered Sinead Kelly. One of his brothers is currently seriously ill also as a result of the contaminated drugs.



STABBED TO DEATH: Sinead Kelly turned to prostitution to feed her heroin habit.

Drug dealer will get away with Sinead's killing as witness is poisoned by heroin

A file recommending that the three men be charged with murder is now likely to be dropped in the absence of the State's only witness.

The drug dealer and one of the killers have been in hiding for several months while the other is serving a jail sentence. One of the thugs is aged 32 and from Crumlin in Dublin, the other is 28 and from the Montpelier Gardens area of Dublin.

Rosie Lakes was said to have been riddled with guilt over her participation in the murder of Sinead Kelly and was determined to give evidence against the three men in court.

Her addiction destroyed Rosie's life: it crippled her with shame and remorse. According to friends, Rosie was obsessed about her personal hygiene and they recalled that she was constantly "fixing herself" and showering.

Rosie had suffered dreadful personal shame as a result of her habit. She had turned to selling her body along Dublin's Grand Canal to pay for her drugs.

Obsessive

"That's why she was so obsessive about hygiene, it was like she was trying to wash away the dirt from all the filthy bastards who paid her for sex," an acquaintance remarked bitterly.

In June, 1998, Rosie Lakes was a chronic drug addict. She was 19 years old and had been taking drugs since she was around 14.

In her statement to the Gardaí, she said that she had had a "relationship" with the drug dealer.

However, the relationship was nothing more than her giving the thug sexual pleasure in return for drugs, according to friends.

"Rosie hated what she was doing to herself. She was caught in a vicious circle, like most of the other girls on the canal, she sold herself to feed her habit and she felt there was nothing she could do about it," the friend said.

The drug dealer told Rosie that he wanted her to point out Sinead Kelly to two men who worked for him.

"He [the drug dealer] said that a bird who worked on the canal owed him a lot of money and asked me to show her to two lads [both named]. I agreed to do this," Rosie Lakes had revealed in her statement.

On the evening of June 21, 1998, the drug dealer called Rosie and told her that "it has to be done tonight".

Rosie met the thug in Crumlin and he gave her a gram of cocaine in payment for pointing Kelly out.

Around 11 pm he gave her another gram of cocaine to give to his two henchmen who would be waiting in a parked car near the prostitutes' beat on the Grand Canal.

Rosie told detectives that she believed Sinead was going to be roughed up and given a "few slaps".

Slaps

The drug dealer drove Rosie to Herbert Place where he pointed to Sinead Kelly. He told Rosie: "That's the little tramp who owes me the money."

She got into a car with the drug dealer's two thugs. The pair took their cocaine and the then all three drove down along the canal.